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For:                METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC RETRIEVAL OF ENGINEERING
                    DATA FROM INSTALLATIONS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents                          September 7, 2001
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in

connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

·    Please replace the original specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the original claims with the following new claims:

1.      (Amended) A method for the automatic retrieval of engineering data from an

automation system with a multiplicity of individual automation objects for the restoration of